

## CLAIMS

1. A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a women during or after pregnancy or after puberty, comprising applying a composition to areas of skin liable to form stretchmarks or having stretchmarks, including skin of the thighs, abdomen, breast, and a combination thereof, the composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one soya peptide.
2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the soya peptide is obtained by hydrolyzing a protein extracted from soya.
3. The method according to claim 2, wherein the soya peptide is obtained by fermenting the peptide.
4. The method according to claim 3, wherein the soya peptide is obtained by fermenting the peptide with a strain of *Lactobaccillus*.
5. The method according to claim 3, wherein the soya peptide has a molecular weight of about 200 daltons to about 20,000 daltons.
6. The method according to claim 3, wherein the soya peptide has a molecular weight of about 800 daltons.
7. The method according to claim 1, wherein the soya peptide is between about 0.1% and about 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
8. The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises at least one  $\alpha$ -hydroxyacid.

9. The method according to claim 8, wherein the proportion of  $\alpha$ -hydroxyacid is between 0.1% and about 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
10. The method according to claim 8, wherein the  $\alpha$ -hydroxyacid is lactic acid.
11. The method according to claim 1, wherein the composition further comprises a compound for adjusting the pH to a value of between about 2 and about 4.
12. A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a women during or after pregnancy or after puberty, comprising applying a composition to areas of skin liable to form stretchmarks or having stretchmarks, including skin of the thighs, abdomen, breast, and a combination thereof, the composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, at least one tripeptide consisting of the amino acids glycine, histidine, and lysine.
13. The method according to claim 12, wherein the tripeptide has the sequence Gly-His-Lys, and the tripeptide is conjugated with acetic acid or acetate in the form of a complex with zinc.
14. The method according to claim 12, wherein the tripeptide is between about 0.1% and about 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
15. The method according to claim 12, wherein the composition further comprises at least one  $\alpha$ -hydroxyacid.
16. The method according to claim 15, wherein the proportion of  $\alpha$ -hydroxyacid is between 0.1% and about 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.
17. The method according to claim 12, wherein the composition further comprises lactic acid.

18. The method according to claim 12, wherein the composition further comprises a compound for adjusting the pH to a value of between about 2 and about 4.

19. A method for reducing the formation of and/or treating skin stretchmarks in a women during or after pregnancy or after puberty, comprising applying a composition to areas of skin liable to form stretchmarks or having stretchmarks, including skin of the thighs, abdomen, breast, and a combination thereof, the composition comprising, in a suitable vehicle, a mixture of at least one soya peptide and at least one tripeptide consisting of the amino acids glycine, histidine, and lysine.